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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP, ITT on U.S. Policymaking Process
(Bains and Cullen)

REFERENCE: OTTAWA 1504

1. The post proposes a two-person project, subject to availability of nominees once approved and invited, that would acquaint two first-term Members of the Canadian Parliament to the policy-making process in the United States. Through discussions with federal, state and local government leaders and officials, experts, lobbyists, media, labor organizations, and interest groups on issues that matter in the U.S.-Canada relationship, nominees would gain insight into the players and processes involved in formulating U.S. security, economic, trade, and social policies. This project supports the Mission's goals of combating terrorism and strengthening ties with close allies and friends.

2. Nominees Navdeep BAINS, Member of Canadian Parliament (Liberal Party) and Nathan CULLEN, Member of Canadian Parliament (New Democratic Party) both have full country team approval. EVDB-formatted nomination follows:

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PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 325

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: ITT - U.S. Policy Making (Bains, Cullen)

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

This project would acquaint two first-term Members of the Canadian Parliament to the policy-making system in the United States, through discussions with federal, state and local government leaders and officials, experts, lobbyists, media, labor organizations, and interest groups on security, economic and environmental issues that matter in the U.S.-Canada relationship. Specific topics will be determined in consultation with invitees, once approved.

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FY: 2006

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PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 6540

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 322158

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Politics & Parties

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Navdeep

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Bains

SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 116
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
GENDER: M
DOB: 06/16/1977
MAR-STAT:
BIRTH-CITY: Toronto, Ontario
BIRTH-CNTRY: Canada
CITIZ-CNTRY: Canada
RES-CNTRY: Canada
START MEMO POSITION:
Member of Parliament;
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
Member of the Standing Committee on Access to Information
Privacy and Ethics
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
Financial Analyst and Certified Management Accountant - Ford
Canada
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
Very limited travel to the United States
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Member of Canadian Parliamentary delegation to tsunami
disaster areas in India
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
Certified Management Accountant, Society of Management
Accountants (Ontario), 2003
MBA, University of Windsor, 2001
BA Administration Studies, York University, 1999

END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
Society of Management Accountants
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
none
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NOMINATING-OFFICER: POL - Brian Flora
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Navdeep Bains Singh is a successful and recognized rookie
Member of Parliament and a member of the governing Liberal
Party. He decisively won his seat in the June 2004
election, nearly doubling the vote count of the second place
Conservative candidate. Bains' seat is in the heart of the
greater Toronto area, one that is easily perceived as a left-
leaning Liberal Party stronghold. In combination with its
riding density, this leads some observers to cynically, but
not altogether inaccurately, suggest the country is run from
Toronto.
Bains is a new and moderate voice in the party whose
background in corporate finance does not clearly fit with
the stereotypical Toronto-area, left leaning Liberal.
Despite his rookie status he has a seat on the important
Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and
Ethics. This committee investigates topics such as the
ramifications of the U.S. Patriot Act and Canadians' rights
to information privacy and the regulation of lobbyists on
Parliament Hill. He also featured prominently at the recent
Liberal Biennial Convention, held in Ottawa between March 3
and 6. He was seen at many policy workshops and was a
favorite of the left-leaning Young Liberals of Canada
despite his previous existence as a financial analyst and
certified management accountant.
Acquainting this open-minded, rookie Liberal MP from Toronto
first-hand with the policy formulation process in the United
States will allow him to form his own opinions, rather than
leave it to older Toronto Liberals to 'teach him.' An IVLP
experience could very easily give an MP like Navdeep Bains a
formative experience that he could call on when expressing
his own growing voice in Parliament, both in the House of
Commons, in Committees and within the Liberal Party. This
project supports the Mission's goals of countering terrorism

and strengthening ties with close allies and friends.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: Embassy Ottawa

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NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: Yes

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OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

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END BIO:

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Nathan

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Cullen

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 116

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

GENDER: M

DOB: 07/13/1972

MAR-STAT:

BIRTH-CITY: Toronto, Ontario

BIRTH-CNTRY: Canada

CITIZ-CNTRY: Canada

RES-CNTRY: Canada

START MEMO POSITION:

Member of Parliament

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

Human Resources Consulting Firm (Owner) Maravilla Consultants, Smithers, B.C.

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

Minimal

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

Costa Rica, Guyana, Ecuador, Sierra Leone

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

Certificate in Conflict Resolution, Justice Institute of British Columbia, 2002

Bachelor of Arts, Comparative Development & Environmental Resource Studies, Trent University, 1997

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

none

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START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

none

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: POL - Brian Flora
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Member of Parliament Nathan Cullen is a successful rookie MP who was recognized by The Hill Times news magazine as the number-one up-and-coming rookie on Parliament Hill at the end of the first sitting of the 38th Parliament, in December 2004. A member of the New Democratic Party of Canada, he achieved an unlikely coup by winning (by an admittedly narrow margin) his seat by defeating the incumbent Conservative Member of Parliament. It is extremely rare for a New Democrat to win a seat in rural, western Canada at all, let alone take one from a sitting Conservative. The new Democratic Party of Canada is typically left-leaning, and a perennial 3rd place party at the national level, though the Liberal Party of Canada is frequently accused of co-opting their policies to please left-minded voters in their own ranks. Nathan Cullen is a new and moderate member of the NDP who appears to focus more on policy and procedure than following a strict, reactionary party line. He focuses on environmental and social issues while acting as his party's Critic for National Parks, Environment and Youth. Giving him first-hand observation of policy formulation in the United States and a chance to interact and develop contacts with Americans involved in issues of mutual concern to North American neighbors--security, economic and trade policy, environmental issues, and social policies--will help him balance realities against the myths that sometimes prevail with regard to U.S. positions and intentions.

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